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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:	)	
Jonathan D. ZOOK et al.		)	Group Art Unit: 1711
Application No.: 10/644,389		)	Examiner: Duc TRUONG
Filed:	August 19, 2003	)	
For:	SEALANTS AND POTTING FORMULATIONS INCLUDING MERCAPTO-TERMINATED POLYMERS PRODUCED BY THE REACTION OF A POLYTHIOL AND POLYVINYL ETHER MONOMER	)	Confirmation No.: 6131

## SECOND DECLARATION OF CHANDRA B. RAO UNDER RULE 132

- 1. I am the same Chandra B. Rao, who previously executed a Declaration under Rule 132 in the above-identified patent application. As I indicated in my previous Declaration, for reasons explained more fully therein, I believe that I, along with Jonathan D. Zook, David W. Jordan, and Susan E. DeMoss (formerly known as Suzanna Gibson), are the correct inventors of the subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36 and 41-43, of the present application.
- 2. The subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43 of the present application was disclosed prior to the filing date of the present application in Application No. 08/802,130, filed on February 19, 1997. It is my understanding that Application No. 08/802,130 is a parent of the present application and is relied upon in the present application for filing date benefit. It is my further understanding that it is undisputed that the subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36 and 41-43 is fully disclosed in the parent Application No. 08/802,130.

- 3. The inventors designated on Application No. 08/802,130 are Jonathan D. Zook, Suzanna Gibson (now Susan E. DeMoss), David W. Jordan and me, and I understand these are the same inventors that are now designated for the present application. Moreover, at about the time Application No. 08/802,130 was filed, I and co-inventors Zook, Gibson, and Jordan signed a declaration verifying that we believed we were the original, first, and joint inventors of the inventive subject matter of that application.
- 4. The subject matter first disclosed in Application No. 08/802,130, and claimed in the present application, was invented by me and co-inventors Zook, Gibson, and Jordan prior to February 19, 1997. At the time the invention was made, and also at the time Application No. 08/802,130 was filed, I and co-inventors Zook, Gibson and Jordan were employed by Courtaulds Aerospace, Inc., the assignee of Application No. 08/802,130. Each of us was obligated and we did in fact assign inventions, patents and patent applications covering such inventions to Courtaulds Aerospace, Inc. Courtaulds Aerospace, Inc., subsequently became PRC-DeSoto International, Inc. ("PRC"), the assignee of the present application.
- 5. After making the invention defined by claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43, and after the February 19, 1997 filing date of Application No. 08/802,130 disclosing that subject matter, my co-inventors Jonathan D. Zook, Susan E. DeMoss, and David W. Jordan, left PRC. It is my understanding that they subsequently joined PBT Brands, Inc. Jonathan Zook left PRC on November 12, 1999, David Jordan left PRC on February 11, 2000 and Susan E. DeMoss left PRC on April 20, 2001.
- 6. It is my further understanding that two patents have issued (U.S. Patent Nos. 6,525,168 and 6,723,827) which are assigned to PBT Brands, Inc. and which claim, at least in part, subject matter that is substantially the same as that of claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43 of the

instant application. The inventors listed on the face of those patents are Jonathan D. Zook, David W. Jordan, Dean M. Willard, George Jones, and Michael Cosman. I believe that the listed Jonathan D. Zook and David W. Jordan are the same Jonathan D. Zook and David W. Jordan that are co-inventors of the subject matter of the instant application and parent Application No. 08/802,130. It further appears from the face of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,525,168 and 6,723,827, that the earliest parent application filing date for these patents is March 9, 2000, more than three (3) years after the filing date of Application No. 08/802,130, the parent of the present application.

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- 7. I have been advised that the claims in the present application have been rejected on the ground that I and my co-inventors did not invent the subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43, but that that subject matter was invented by the inventors of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,525,168 and 6,723,827 (i.e., by Jonathan D. Zook, David W. Jordan, Dean W. Willard, George Jones and Michael Cosman). I do not understand the basis for this rejection given that I and my co-inventors filed a parent application direct to the subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43 of the present application at least three (3) years before the alleged inventors designated on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,525,168 and 6,723,827 submitted an application disclosing such subject matter.
- 8. I did not derive any of the subject matter disclosed in parent Application No. 08/802,130 from the inventive entity designated on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,525,168 and 6,723,827, at least to the extent that the inventive entities designated on those patents is inconsistent with the inventive entity of the subject matter of Application No. 08/802,130. Indeed, I never had any conversation with, or received any information in any form from, Dean W. Willard, George Jones, and/or Michael Cosman relating to the subject matter of claims 22-27, 31-36, and 41-43 of the present application prior to the February 19, 1997, filing date of parent Application No.

08/802,130. Moreover, to the best of my knowledge, neither did my co-inventors, Jonathan D. Zook, David W. Jordan and Suzanna Gibson.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Chandra B Rao

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